

Marble Hill Press

Hill & Chandler, Publishers.
MARBLE HILL, MISSOURI

Get ready to sweat the fly.

Vassar college is 50 years old, but doesn't look it.

Dead artists are appreciated, while the living are ignored.

Fishhooks are ripe, and you can dig bait while spading the garden.

A baseball team's winning stride will do it no good if it never strikes it.

Farmers should welcome the aeroplane. They won't have to turn out for it.

The strawberry always makes good in the shortcake. It is the national berry.

So if you go to the coronation, you cannot watch the baseball games here at home.

The shrinking violet has plenty of cause to shrink or even to shrivel if it prefers to do that.

A Chicago doctor has found dangerous microbes in the whiskers of cats. Don't kiss your cat.

"Let a woman have the last word," says one of our jurists in advising mere men. Superfluous advice.

Berlin boasts of a talented canine who can talk. His education is probably progressing in dog Latin.

Another kind of optimist is the man who expects to find the garden trowel and rake where he put them last fall.

A Newark (N. J.) attorney is suing for \$500 for his services in reading a bundle of love letters. Cheap at that.

It is estimated that over \$5,000,000 will be spent by Americans at King George's coronation. Why not have it over here?

Wealthy men cannot always do as they please. A judge wouldn't allow Cornelius Vanderbilt to cross his legs in court.

We agree with the police that a burglar who upset a lighted lamp should be tried for criminal carelessness at least.

A friend of E. H. Harriman says it was thinking in bed that killed him. And where else do any of us get a chance to think?

Litigation over a \$17,000 estate in New York cost \$13,000, and now they are wondering how the lawyers over-looked the \$4,000.

A California judge declined to recognize poker as the great American game. It goes on, however, without judicial recognition.

Mme. Riquie, the prophetess, says that the breath tries the spirit. And she might add that clothes don't seem to make much difference.

An Iowa man is out with a demand that all dogs be killed. Perhaps he didn't know of any other way of attracting attention to himself.

An American actress has become the wife of an Egyptian prince, and will have some justification for it if she wishes to wear a harem skirt.

The bed slat, urged for household correction, sounds too much like organized assault. The hair brush remains unequalled for pinch hitting.

An American actress has married an Egyptian prince and she will now be forced by an Egyptian fashion of long standing to wear a harem skirt.

The secretary of the treasury is in favor of discontinuing the coinage of \$2.50 gold pieces. He could do so without causing many people to miss them much.

A Massachusetts scientist is going to attempt to breed stingless bees. If he succeeds, his next boon to humanity ought to be stingless and soundless mosquitoes.

A Chicago man bought a rare old book at the Hoe sale for \$21,000. But there are publications from which he can get much more information at a bargain price of 21 cents.

Prince Henry came down in a hurry when his aeroplane went wrong. Royal personages have no more influence with the laws of gravitation than they have with time and tide.

It is said that the English explorers in Jerusalem have found Solomon's crown, his ring and his sword. His wisdom, unfortunately, is still beyond the reach of modern research.

Manufacturers have decreed that the hobbie and the harem skirts must go. And yet it seems hardly possible that their banishment will be followed by an era of common sense fashions.

News that an Italian count has been arrested in New York on a charge of smuggling leads us to believe that foreign noblemen do not depend entirely on American heiresses for a means of livelihood.

RECIPROCITY AID TO ALL FARMERS

PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH CANADA IS VIGOROUSLY DEFENDED BY PRESIDENT.

LUMBER TRUST ATTACKS IT

Advises Western Economic Society to Be on Guard Against Wiles of the Lumber Trust—Taft Does Not Mince Words in Chicago.

Chicago, Ill.—President Taft, in a speech before the Western Economic society here, declared the principal opposition to the Canadian reciprocity treaty came not from the farmer, but from the lumber trust and from American manufacturers of print paper.

In one of the most comprehensive addresses that he has ever made on the subject the president outlined some of the methods employed by the opponents of reciprocity and told the farmers they were being "bamboozled" by special interests. He said the fate of the agreement rested not so much with the United States senate as with the people of the country.

Blames Lumber Trust. If the farmer and the country at large he said, could be brought to understand that his treaty was in the interest of the majority of the people he would no longer fear the coming vote in the senate.

The president was not sparing in his words. He told the reasons for the opposition to the treaty by the lumber trust and by the paper manufacturers, and without using any names, scored a New York firm, some of whose members recently appeared at the hearing before the senate finance committee in Washington ostensibly in behalf of the National Grange and objected to the enactment of the agreement. In spite of the forces arrayed against it, the president expressed the belief the agreement would become a law.

The bill, he said, will pass, if it passes at all, because of the force of public opinion.

FOUR DROWN IN LAUNCH

Three Rescued From Mississippi by Ferry Life Boat—Six Drowned in Utah Lake.

St. Louis, Mo.—Four men were drowned at noon Sunday when a gasoline launch carrying a party of seven men sank 200 feet off the Illinois shore, opposite Davis street.

The dead are: Irwin Dannenbrink, John A. Dietrich, Gus Mastebrook and Charles Tetsch.

Overcrowding the stern caused the boat to dip water. To prevent this the entire party rushed to the bow. The boat was going at full speed. The sudden loading of the bow caused the launch to dive under water and sink.

Salt Lake City, Utah—Six persons were drowned in Utah Lake when the launch Balboa, on which 16 persons were attending a party given in honor of the approaching marriage of Miss Vera Brown and Edward B. Holmes, capsized. Among the drowned were the prospective bride and bridegroom and two other children of Captain Frank Brown, owner of the launch.

To Form New Republic.

Tijuana, Lower California—The insurgents in Tijuana severed connection with the Mexican Liberal party junta, elected Dick Ferris president of the new Republic of Lower California and decided to await word from General Pryce before choosing a new general. Pryce to have the preference if he returns.

Bandits Caught in Denver.

Denver, Colo.—Trained to their room in a hotel, two highwaymen made a stand against three detectives, and in the battle which followed one of the bandits, James Lynch, was perhaps mortally wounded. Frank Ince, a companion of Lynch, was taken into custody.

Political Workers to Jail.

Philadelphia, Pa.—A police lieutenant, two sergeants and two Republican political workers were each sentenced to one year's imprisonment by Judge Wilson on the charge of conspiracy to unlawfully imprison reform election workers.

Former Auditor Indicted.

Garner, Ia.—Thomas Duff, former county auditor, at present state oil inspector, has been indicted by the grand jury on four separate counts in connection with his work as county auditor. Bond was placed at \$2,000.

Three Drown in River.

McAlester, Okla.—After floating 20 hours on a log in a flooded stream, Mrs. Sallie Tripp, who, with her mother, brother and two sisters, was swept into the Canadian river by a freshet, was rescued.

Arrest School Cashier.

Minneapolis, Minn.—J. D. Bren, cashier of the University of Minnesota, who reported that he had been robbed by three men of \$14,000 near the campus, was placed under arrest, charged with embezzlement.

THE MAN WITH THE HOOK



In the first federal anti-trust proceedings brought under the Sherman law as interpreted by the Standard Oil decision, the department of justice filed suit in the United States court in New York the other day against the smaller constituent organizations of what the department of justice calls the "lumber trust," alleging the existence of a widespread conspiracy, "unreasonably" to restrain the lumber trade in this country.

SPLIT OVER WOOL FIGHT

DEMOCRATIC LEADERS PREDICT BREAK IN PARTY.

Measure Is Expected to Be Adopted in Form It Left the Committee—Debate Next Week.

Washington, D. C.—A prediction was made by several of the leaders in congress of both parties that the repudiation of Wm. J. Bryan on the wool schedule by the unanimous vote of the Democratic caucus may mark the beginning of a serious break in the party ranks. Politicians expect to see the light carried ultimately into the Democratic national convention.

Under the present plans of the house leaders the woolen schedule will be brought up for general debate next week. It is expected the debate will continue for two weeks. It will then be taken up under the five-minute rule and amendments will be considered. The action of the caucus, however, makes it absolutely certain that the measure will be passed in exactly the form in which it left the ways and means committee.

According to Chairman Underwood, the proposed wool tariff represents an estimated reduction, based on last year's imports of a little more than \$1,400,000 in the revenue.

The duties collected in the past year on wool imports amounted to \$1,904,549, while under the first year of the new duties it is figured the revenue will be \$40,556,200.

VES MARK TWAIN HOME

Hannibal Commercial Club Obtains Option on Learning of Plan to Raze Dwelling.

Hannibal, Mo.—The Commercial club has secured a 60-day option on the old Mark Twain homestead, located on Hill street. The club learned that the property was about to be sold, the old building torn down and flats erected on the site. The option was secured immediately and a committee appointed to raise the necessary money to pay for the same.

The building is a two-story frame structure, containing six rooms, and is in good repair. It is proposed to move the building into Riverview park as a memorial to the noted humorist, of \$13,526.

20 FAMILIES ARE ROUTED

20 Families Are Routed. New York, N. Y.—Twenty families were driven in a panic from a tenement house at 38 East Eleventh street by the explosion of a bomb set off in front of the building, which partly wrecked it.

Police believe the bomb was the work of Black Hand agents.

MEMPHIS NEGRO IS HUNG

Memphis Negro Is Hung. Memphis, Tenn.—While a posse of deputy sheriffs was conveying Pat Crump, a negro, charged with attempted criminal assault, to jail they were overpowered by 50 masked men, who lynched the negro.

Robs Cashier of \$13,992.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Joseph D. Bren, cashier and accountant of the State university, was held up by three highwaymen on the banks of the Mississippi near the university and robbed

Oil Co. Declared Fraud.

Washington, D. C.—After having sold nearly \$400,000 worth of stock by mail, the Hawaii Pacific Oil Co. of Oakland, Cal., was declared a fraud and a "get-rich-quick swindle" by the postoffice department.

Pastor Seeks Rehearing.

Jefferson City, Mo.—The Rev. Clyde God, who is serving a four-year sentence in the penitentiary for assisting in the death of Miss Lizzie Gleason, wants the supreme court to grant him a rehearing of his case.

INTIMATES STEEL REPORT IS HELD UP

GARY TESTIFIES GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN INVESTIGATING INDUSTRY SIX YEARS.

TELLS HOW TRUST IS RUN

Alleged Report to Be Presented to the President, Magnate Declares—Chairman Stanley Demands Plans of Organization.

Washington, D. C.—That someone has suppressed an exhaustive report on the United States Steel corporation, the result of six years' investigation by the bureau of corporations, was intimated strongly before the Stanley steel investigating committee.

Judge Elbert H. Gary, the chief executive officer of the corporation, declared that almost any information he might give is already in the hands of the government.

"The bureau of corporations has for six years been examining our books and records. They have made a most exhaustive review of all of our business and methods," he said. "They must have a mass of documents that would almost fill this room regarding our organization."

Chairman Is Surprised.

"What?" demanded Chairman Stanley, plainly astounded. "Do you mean to say that the bureau has been looking at your business from the inside for four or five years?" "Certainly," returned Gary. "I don't know how many hundreds of thousands of dollars it has cost us to aid the bureau in investigating."

Stanley then demanded impressively: "Have you any information as to whether the data gathered by the bureau has been furnished to the present president of the United States?"

Attorney R. V. Lindbergh for the steel trust objects, but Gary insisted on answering.

Hopes It Will Be Presented.

"I have no knowledge as to whether the department has furnished this matter to the president," he said. "I have information that this report will be submitted to the president. I hope within the next few months. I do not know whether partial reports have been furnished or not."

Just before the hearing adjourned for the day Stanley sprung another bomb by demanding that Gary outline any plans the steel magnates may have for an international world-wide organization to control the steel industry throughout the world.

OHIO JURY FREES DR. NYE

"Not Guilty" Verdict in First Craft Case Will Not Deter Prosecution—Two Cases Pending.

Columbus, Ohio—"Not guilty" was the verdict of the jury in the trial of Dr. George B. Nye, representative from Pike county in the assembly, charged with bribe solicitation.

In Nye's case was the first of the legislative bribery trials. The next trial will be that of Representative Owen J. Evans of Stark county, which will begin Monday.

There are three other indictments against Dr. Nye. Prosecutor Turner said the first verdict would in no way interfere with the progress of the bribery cases.

The jury took four votes—one 5 to 4 for acquittal, the next 10 to 2, the third 11 to 1 and the final one, which was unanimous.

Cotton Condition 87.8.

Washington, D. C.—The area of the cotton crop planted this year, 1911, in the United States, including that already planted and expected to be planted, is about 104.7 per cent of the area planted last year, equivalent to about 35,004,000 acres, as compared with 33,418,000 acres, an increase of about 1,586,000 acres or 4.7 per cent, according to a report issued by the department of agriculture.

Will to Keep Girl from Convent.

New York City.—The will of Richard H. Clarke, a wealthy lawyer and writer on Roman Catholic subjects, leaves the large income on his residuary estate to his daughter, Mary Ada Clarke, "so long as she shall remain in the world and not become a member of any monastic or religious sisterhood."

Sherman to Umpire Game.

Washington, D. C.—Republican and Democratic representatives, captained by "Nick" Longworth and Ed Webb, will play baseball for charity. Vice-President Sherman will umpire.

Night Rider Defendants Served.

Paducah, Ky.—The deputy U. S. marshal got service on seven defendants in a \$30,000 damage suit of Milton Oliver against 100 alleged night riders. One defendant is a county judge of Lyons county.

Fugitive's Body Is Found.

Los Angeles, Cal.—A body was found floating in San Pedro harbor and was identified as that of C. W. Caddigan, wanted in Minneapolis on a charge of having operated a gold brick swindle.

WESTERN CANADA BEYOND THE PIONEER STAGE

Liberty-Loving People Have All the Liberty the Heart Can Desire Under Canadian Laws.

The New York Commercial of April 19th contained an interesting article on conditions in Western Canada. The following extracts will prove instructive reading to those who contemplate moving to Canada. The writer speaks of land at \$5 to \$18 an acre. As a matter of fact, there is very little land that can be had now at less than \$18 per acre, but when one considers the productive qualities of this land it is safe to say that in two years' time there will be little available land to be had at less than \$30 an acre. Already the free grant lands in the open prairie districts are becoming exhausted and the homesteader has to go farther back to the partially wooded areas. This is no drawback, however. Some prefer this land to the open prairie. A recent publication, issued by the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Canada, and which is forwarded free to applicants by mail by any of the Canadian government agents throughout the United States, says of the newly opened districts:

Water is always abundant, wood and fuel are plentiful and the soil that can grow the poplar and the willow as well as the rich grasses that are to be found there can be relied upon to produce all the small varieties of grain with equal success. The New York Commercial article referred to deals more particularly with conditions along the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific, but what is said of one line of railway may with truth be said of the land and the conditions along both the Canadian Northern and the Canadian Pacific. The article says:

"It would be no exaggeration to say that practically all the land along the entire distance traversed by the Grand Trunk Pacific system is capable of furnishing homes to those who engage in farming. The lands are of three classes. They may be designated, first, as having special adaptation to the production of grain; second, as having such adaptation to mixed farming, of which live stock will form an important feature; and third, as being mainly adapted to the production of live stock only. On the third class of lands the area is not very large, of the second it is much larger and of the first it is by far the largest.

"As soon as mixed farming shall be generally adopted, land that may now be obtained for from \$5 to \$18 per acre, and even lands open now to free homesteaders, will sell for \$50 to \$100 per acre. This is not an extravagant statement. In natural fertility these lands fully equal those of the American corn belt. In variety of production they excel them, and yet the latter sell for \$100 to \$200 per acre. In addition to the grain crops now grown of wheat, oats, barley and rye, much of the land will grow winter wheat when properly prepared. Eighty per cent of the land will grow clover and alfalfa. A still larger percentage will grow field peas, and the entire tillable area will grow good crops of the cultivated grasses, timothy, bromus grass and western rye grass. With these elements what can prevent this region from becoming the main source of food supply of the Empire and Imperial dominions?"

Special stress is laid upon the educational conditions. The writer says: "The foundation of the social fabric of the agricultural country may be said to rest on the efficiency of its school system. Liberty-loving people have all the liberty the heart can desire under Canadian laws. In this regard Western Canada has a system of education based upon the best that can be obtained from the United States or Eastern Canada. Its school system and regulations are second to none. Every boy or girl has a school house brought to his or her doorway. The government is most liberal in its support of higher education. In Winnipeg, Saskatoon and Edmonton are to be found excellent colleges and universities, so that the problem of higher education is solved. The provincial agricultural schools, located at Winnipeg and Saskatoon, give practical courses in scientific farming, preparing graduates to take up the responsibilities of farm life.

"The newcomer settling in this favored section will find the social conditions far beyond a pioneer stage. He will find help on every hand. Instead of his going to the 'jumping-off place,' as is often supposed when thinking of Western Canada, he will find himself surrounded by wonderful opportunities for social advancement in a new country fraught with promise."

Strange Children.

George Bancroft, the historian, used to relate with gusto a joke that he caught while trotting to school along a Massachusetts country road. It was about old Levi Lincoln, says Percy H. Epier, in "Master Minds at the Commonwealth's Heart."

The old gentleman was nearly blind. A flock of geese was being driven gobbling up Lincoln street. Learning far out of the carriage, the fine old aristocrat, thinking they were children, threw out a handful of pennies, graciously exclaiming: "God bless you, my children!"

Flattery is praise we hear of others